



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (V.I.T.A.)



Lifting Central Texas Families Out of Poverty

The UWCT VITA program prepared 839 free tax returns in 2016 for Central Texans with low to moderate incomes, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and those having limited English proficiency. This is UWCT's ninth year to provide tax assistance to the local community. IRS certified VITA community volunteers and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor College of Business student volunteers provide basic income tax return services without charge, ensuring 100% of the tax refund went directly to the customer. The average Adjusted Gross Income of the taxpayer served was \$21,916. Over \$1 Million in refunds and \$409,689 in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) were returned to people living in our local community. EITCs can supplement a working, low-income individual or family's income by 20-30%, lifting more working families out of poverty.



"University of Mary Hardin-Baylor is teaching students not only skills, but service, and the VITA program is the perfect opportunity to do both. I am so thrilled to see the students gain experience in their field while giving back to the community."

VITA Site Coordinator, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Accounting, Economics and Finance Instructor, Jo Ireland



V.I.T.A. Community Partners

UWCT is engaging Central Texans, and we are bringing people together to solve community problems. Long-term economic success is not possible without an investment in long-term human success. Working together, we are building strong neighborhoods — all over Central Texas— where individuals and communities can thrive.



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